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Dear Giovanni:

Thank you for the information about the tetracyclines. If the derivatives are spontaneously unstable, they will of course be of little use. Otherwise, the best indication of a derivative we could use for selective purposes would be an alteration in antibiotic spectrum, some spec still being inhibited, others not (absence of the hydrolysing enzyme). I think you will know very well whether any of the compounds you run into would qualify.

We have no plans for travelling now; will you be coming again for the antimicrobial conference in October?

As ever,

P.S. I hope you do get C+EN in your library; every week I notice more than one item of interest for fluoropoesis, etc.

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